MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYENGAR : Not that either. Punishment was meted out for various departmental irregularities, slackness of work in general and various other defaults.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN : May I know whether these punishments were meted out after making due enquiries.

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYENGAR : Yes.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE (*Meenachil* cum *Thodupuzha*) : May I know, how many have been punished?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYENGAR : Some have been punished.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : May I know what the Inspector General proposes to do to prevent such irregularities in future?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYENGAR : Only by punishment.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : My question is what will be his procedure in future?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYENGAR : By awarding punishment that is the only way.

Those officers have been advised and oftentimes instructed not to commit such irregularities.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : May I know if this irregularity is continued by his officers what is his method to prevent them?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYENGAR : I have not been trained to do anything other than punishment when advice and instruction fail.

General transfer of the members of the Police Force.

103. *MR. K. A. MOHAMED : Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Inspector General of Police has ordered a general transfer of the members of the Force who are within fifteen miles of their native places or any place where their relatives are living?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYENGAR : No circular ordering a general transfer of such men has been issued. But on account of frequent complaints against members of the Forces who are natives, instructions were issued to the District Superintendents of Police to see that men are not posted in their native places and those that are serving in such stations are gradually moved out.

Police Lock-ups.

104. *MR. K. A. MOHAMED : Will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) whether there were any escapes from the Police lock-ups in the State during the current year ;

(*b*) the names of the stations from where there were such escapes ; and

(*c*) the punishments meted out to those who were in charge of these stations?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYENGAR :

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) (1) Chirayinkil Hospital Lock-up.
(2) General Hospital Lock-up.
(3) Kottar station Lock-up.
(4) Thuckalai station Lock-up.
(5) Mavelikara Government Hospital Lock-up.

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(c) *Chirayinkil Hospital Lock-up.*

Two Police Constables were compulsorily retired and two were placed under suspension pending enquiry into their conduct.

General Hospital Lock-up.

The Woman Police Constable in charge of the woman prisoner was discharged from service.

Kottar station Lock-up.

The Police Constable in charge of the prisoners was dismissed and prosecuted. He was sentenced to two years imprisonment. The punishment of the Head Constable in charge is under consideration.

Thuckalai station Lock-up.

The Police Constable in charge was suspended for a month and reduced for one year. Another Police Constable was suspended for one month.

Mavelikara Government Hospital Lock-up.

The three sentry duty Police Constables who were in charge were suspended for one month each.

MR. M. R. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): May I know in answer to part (c) were these constables compulsorily retired or dismissed from service?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYENGAR: In the answer those suspended and dismissed have been so stated.

MR. M. R. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI: I was told that they were dismissed and that is why I ask the question.

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYENGAR: That was subsequently modified to compulsory retirement. That is my impression.

Thefts reported during the year.

105 *MR. K. BALAKRISHNA MENON (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of thefts reported during the year and the number detected with the figures in corresponding time in the year 1118?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYENGAR:

Thefts reported till	Mithunam 1118	1524
Thefts detected till	do.	1064
Thefts reported till	Mithunam 1120	1001
Thefts detected till	do.	598

Police highhandedness and corruption.

106 *MR. P. S. MOHAMED (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they know that there is an impression among the public that Police highhandedness and Police corruption are on the increase at present?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYENGAR: No.

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